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The National Air and Space Museum holds in trust over 60,000 artifacts and more than 20,000 cubic feet of archival materials. Historic aircraft and space artifacts, such as the 1903 Wright Flyer and the Apollo 11 command module *Columbia*, highlight the National Collection. Thousands of additional artifacts—including engines, rockets, uniforms, spacesuits, balloons, artwork, documents, manuscripts, and photographs—document the richness of the history of flight. A wide variety of these artifacts are on display at the Museum in Washington, DC, and the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Virginia.

The Object Collection

We are best known for our collection of rare and historically significant aircraft and spacecraft. The object collection also includes engines, medals, trophies, instruments, and equipment, models, artwork, spacesuits, uniforms, and much more. Altogether, the collection includes more than 30,000 aviation and 9,000 space objects. About 20 percent of the collection, including about 80 percent of the largest aircraft and spacecraft are on public display. Many objects are on loan to institutions around the world, while a significant number of objects are in storage.

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Archival Collections

Our archival collections include photographs, manuscripts, technical drawings, documents, film, and oral histories spanning the history of flight. Reference services and resources for visiting researchers are available

from our [Archives Department](https://airandspace.si.edu/archives). <<https://airandspace.si.edu/archives>>

Regional Planetary Image Facility

In addition to conducting groundbreaking planetary research, our Center for Earth and Planetary Studies houses a [NASA Regional Planetary Image Facility](https://airandspace.si.edu/research/resources/rpit/) <<https://airandspace.si.edu/research/resources/rpit/>>. Images and data from Earth-observing missions and planetary spacecraft are available to visiting researchers.

Loan Program

We're dedicated to responsibly lending artifacts for exhibition to increase access to our premier collections. Our active lending program strives to engage and educate audiences in the history, culture, and science of aviation and spaceflight and the study of the universe. [Learn more about our loan program](#)

<<https://airandspace.si.edu/collections/about-collection/artifact-loan-procedures-and-requirements>> and how we manage requests for our artifacts.

Donating to the Collection

Give <<https://airandspace.si.edu/support>>

Wondering if you can donate items to the Museum? [We do accept donations of objects](#)

<<https://airandspace.si.edu/support/ways-give/donate-personal-item-0>>, photographs, and documents of particular significance to the history of aviation and spaceflight, but we consider these very carefully based on our collecting rationale.

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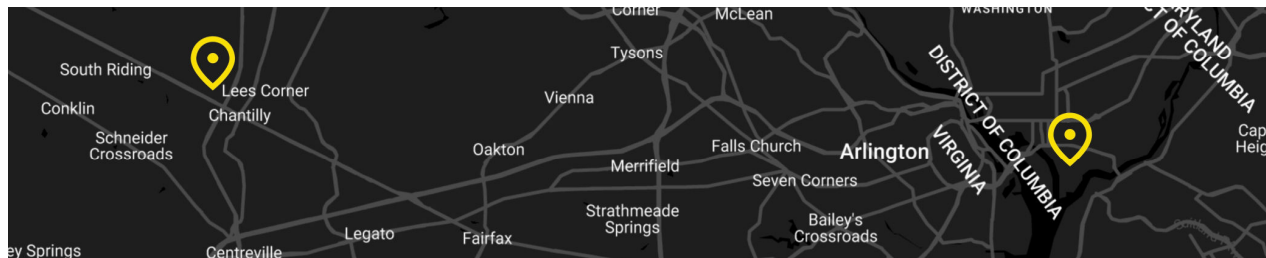
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6th St. and Independence Ave SW

Washington, DC 20560

202-633-2214

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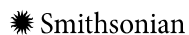
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